



2020
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The inhabitants of the Town of Webster in the County of Merrimack in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date:	Election: March 10, 2020	Town Meeting: March 14, 2020
Time:	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Location:	Webster Town Hall	Webster Town Hall
Details:	945 Battle St	945 Battle St

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Article 01 Election of Town Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (BY BALLOT)

Article 02 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,559,468 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends 3 to 0

Article 03 Add to previously established CRFs

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$330,500 to be added to the following established Capital Reserve Funds under RSA 35:1. (Majority Vote Required)

Fire Department – Air Packs	20,000
Bridge/Culvert Improvements	75,000
Fire Department – Dry Hydrant Repairs	2,000
Reappraisal	5,000
Town Hall Improvements	5,000
Office Equipment	5,000
Police Cruiser	17,000
Emergency Apparatus	50,000
Fire Department – Bunker Gear	2,500
Public Safety Building	5,000
Webster/Hopkinton Transfer Station	4,000
Police Equipment	1,500
Highway Equipment	7,500
Medical Equipment	6,000
Highways and Roads	125,000

The Select Board Recommends 3 to 0

Article 04 Add to previously established ETFs

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,500 to be added to the following previously established Expendable Trust Funds per RSA 31:19-a. (Majority vote required)

Forest Fire	2,000
Legal (Webster)	6000
Highway	5,000
Fire Department Equipment	5,000



Compensated Absences	2,500
Road Preservation	200,000
Municipal Property Maintenance	5,000

The Select Board Recommends 3 to 0

Article 05 Establish a contingency fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year under the provisions of RSA 31:98-a for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$ 15,590 to put into the fund. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount will be raised by taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. (Majority vote required).

The Select Board recommends 3 to 0

Article 06 To purchase a police cruiser

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,500 for the purchase of a 2020 Police Cruiser and related equipment, with \$39,500 to come from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and \$2,000 to come from the trade in/sale of the Police Department 2014 Police Cruiser. No funds will be raised through taxation. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends 3 to 0

Article 07 Purchase of Commercial Laundry Equipment

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purchase of commercial laundry equipment for the Fire Department. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends 3 to 0

Article 08 Establish a Technology Fund ETF

To see if the town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Technology



Fund, for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining computer equipment, software and technology infrastructure and to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from this fund for said purposes and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required)

Select Board Recommends 3 to 0

Article 09 Pillsbury Lake Water District - Bond Help

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to help offset the cost of the bond for "Funds to Repair Dam" passed at the Pillsbury Lake Water District Special Meeting held August 5, 2006. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends 3 to 0

Article 10 To establish a Fire Department Mobile Communication ETF

To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Department Mobile Communication Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing mobile communication devices for the Fire Department and to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend for said purposes and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Select Board Recommends 3 to 0

Article 11 To amend the number of members to the Conservation Commission

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 12 enacted on March 5, 1974, which established a Town Conservation Commission consisting of five (5) members to permit the appointment of up to seven (7) members and up to seven (7) alternate members, in accordance with RSA 36-A. (Majority vote required)

Article 12 To discontinue the Land Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Land Trust Fund created in 1996. Said funds,



with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. This article is contingent upon the passage of Article 13. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends 3 - 0

Article 13 To establish a Conservation Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 and further raise and appropriate \$20,759 to be placed in the fund. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. This article is contingent upon the passage of Article 12. (Majority Vote Required)

The Select Board Recommends 3 to 0

Article 14 To modify the amount of Land Use Change Tax to be

To see if the Town will vote to modify the amount of the Land Use Change Tax revenue to be deposited on an annual basis in the Conservation Fund established under Article 13 from a maximum amount of \$3,000 to 100% of such revenue up to \$5,000, plus 50% of such amount in excess of \$5,000. This article is contingent upon the passage of Article 12 and Article 13. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends 3 - 0

Article 15 For window restoration of the Old Meeting House

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of windows restoration of all windows at the Old Meeting House. This would represent matching funds from the Webster Historical Society and allow the work to proceed this year. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Submitted by petition)

The Select Board Recommends 0 - 3

Article 16 To transact any other business

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.



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